

Funding and Resources for Island Communities

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There are numerous government, foundation and corporate grants available to assist community groups and non profit organizations with their valuable community projects. Below is a list of great resources and some specific grant sources. As grant deadlines can change and eligibility guidelines vary, please visit the funder’s website or contact each funder directly for full details.

Listings and resources for grant seekers:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural BC, a provincial government website, features a grant research tool helping you to identify a wide range of funding opportunities at http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/rbcs/grant1.asp/grant1.asp
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Resources, Tools and Programs - A comprehensive inventory of government tools and programs is now available online to support communities with rural development. http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/business/natural-resource-industries/doing-business/rural-development/inventory_of_community_economic_development_tools_for_rural_bc_communities.pdf
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Heritage provides federal funding for Arts and Cultural Industries, including Festivals and Performing Arts, Museums and Galleries and Cultural Spaces: http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1427741123839/1427741204915
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants and Funding from the Government of Canada https://www.canada.ca/en/government/grants-funding.html
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Victoria Foundation maintains an extensive list of funding sources for charitable organizations in BC: http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/granting/other-funding-sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the BC Rural Network on Twitter: https://twitter.com/BCRuralNetwork for up-to-date grant tips and resources for organizations and initiatives in rural communities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CivicInfo BC provides a list of grants available to local government agencies, many are also available to community groups: www.civicinfo.bc.ca/18.asp



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- Check with your local **Regional District** to see if they have a **Grants-in-Aid** program.
- There are also a number of infrastructure/capital projects grants that are available through, or with support from, your **Regional District**. Please contact them directly for assistance.

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BC Gaming	Community Gaming Grants	Environment, Public Safety, Social Services, Arts and Culture, Sport https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants	Varies
BC Hydro	Community Giving	Environment and sustainability, youth and education, people and leadership, and community initiatives. Website: http://www.bchydro.com/community/community-giving.html	Varies
BC Rehab Foundation	Project Grant	To create opportunities for the full participation of people with physical disabilities. BC Rehab is committed to equal opportunities and improving community accessibility throughout the province. http://www.bcrehab.com/applications/project-grant-programs	\$2,000-\$5,000
Canada Post Community Foundation	Grant Program	Community, education and health for children https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/communityfoundation/default.page	\$50,000
Canadian Heritage	Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage	This program increases opportunities for local artists, artisans, heritage performers or specialists to be involved in their community through festivals, events and projects. It also allows local groups to commemorate their local history and heritage. http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1455310870059/1455310944929	\$25,000
Canadian Heritage	Cultural Spaces Canada	Renovation and expansion of arts and heritage facilities. Acquisition of specialized equipment. http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1455203896312/1455204007503	Varies

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Canadian Wildlife Foundation	Foundation Funding Program	Conservation programs and educational programs related to wildlife and research. http://cwf-fcf.org/en/about-cwf/funding/grants/	\$5,000
Comox Valley Community Foundation	Grants Program	Community and Field of Interest Funds http://www.cvcfoundation.org/	Varies
Employment and Social Development Canada	New Horizons for Seniors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. promoting volunteerism among seniors & others; 2. engaging seniors through the mentoring of others; 3. expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse; 4. supporting social participation & inclusion of seniors; 5. providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors. https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/new-horizons-seniors-community-based.html	\$25,000
Social Enterprise Canada	enp British Columbia	<i>enp British Columbia</i> is a collaborative program that promotes and supports social enterprise development and growth across BC as a means to build strong non-profit organizations and healthier communities. https://www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca/seek-support/social-enterprise	Varies
Environment Canada	EcoAction	Clean air; Clean water; Climate change; Nature. http://www.ec.gc.ca/ecoaction/	\$100,000
Farm Credit Canada	AgriSpirit Fund	Capital community improvement projects https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/in-your-community/giving-back/fcc-agrispirit-fund.html	\$5,000-\$25,000

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Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation	Various	A variety of grants for acquisition or on-the-ground conservation projects, focusing on hands-on, community-stewardship based initiatives. https://hctf.ca/apply-for-funding/	\$10,000
Honda Canada Foundation	Grant Program	Focus on youth related to education, environment and engineering. http://www.hondacanadafoundation.ca/	Varies
Heritage Legacy Fund of BC	Heritage Awareness & Conservation Programs	Public awareness or conservation of heritage resources. www.heritagelegacyfund.ca	Varies
Investment Agriculture Foundation	Multiple programs	IAF offers a wide range of funding programs designed to assist the agriculture and food processing industries in BC. http://iafbc.ca/funding-opportunities/	Varies
Island Coastal Economic Trust	1) Economic Infrastructure Program 2) Economic Development Readiness Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry • Transportation • Tourism • Mining • Small Business • Economic Development • Energy • Agriculture (incl. Aquaculture) http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/	Varies
Islands Trust Conservancy	Opportunity Fund	Conservation projects: typically land protection or acquisition. http://www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca/initiatives/supporting-local-land-trusts/opportunity-fund-grants.aspx	\$500-\$5,000
McLean Foundation	Grant Program	Arts, Education, Conservation, Health, Welfare. http://www.mcleanfoundation.ca/applications/	Varies

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The Ministry of Tourism, Arts, and Culture	Multiculturalism Grant	<p>Cultural Expression: cultural events and/or resource tools.</p> <p>Capacity Building: operational supports such as resource tools</p> <p>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/multiculturalism-anti-racism/multiculturalism/multiculturalismgrants</p>	\$5,000
Mountain Equipment Co-op	Community Grants	<p>Identify and reduce barriers to outdoor activity and increase the community of active outdoor enthusiasts and/or Teach responsible outdoor recreation practices and environmental stewardship.</p> <p>https://www.mec.ca/en/explore/spring-and-fall-grants</p>	Varies
Nanaimo Foundation	Grants Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gabriola Island Community Fund 	<p>Capital Project and Pilot Projects</p> <p>http://www.nanaimofoundation.com/</p> <p>The Gabriola Island Community Fund is in the early stages of development</p> <p>http://www.nanaimofoundation.com/gabriola-community-fund/</p>	Varies
Parkville Qualicum Community Foundation	Grants Program	<p>Various including Education, Family and Institution, Environment, Social Services, Children and Youth and Cultural</p> <p>http://www.parkvillequalicumfoundation.com/</p>	Varies
Powell River Community Foundation	Grant Program	<p>Arts and Culture, Children and Youth, Community Health, Education and Literacy, Environment, Seniors, Social and Economic Disparities, Social Justice</p> <p>http://www.prcommunityfoundation.com/</p>	Various
Real Estate Foundation	Grants Program	<p>Built Environment; Fresh Water Sustainability; Sustainable Food Systems</p> <p>http://www.refbc.com/grants</p>	Varies

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Salt Spring Island Foundation	Grants Program	Grants are usually given for special, new or demonstration projects; as start-up funds; and for construction, equipment or furnishings. http://ssifoundation.ca/	Varies
Small Change Fund	Micro-grants	Crowdfunding for Sustainability, Ecology, Environment, Grassroots https://smallchange.org/	Varies
Thetis Island Community Fund	Graduate Bursaries Lifeline Subscriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduating bursaries of \$1000 to graduating high school students living on Thetis Island who plan to pursue post-secondary studies at an accredited institution. • Subscription to the Lifeline button service http://www.thetislandcommunityfund.org/	\$1000 ~\$30/month
Tire Stewardship BC	Community Grant Program	<p>1.) A project that uses BC recycled rubber and is publicly and wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>2.) Projects include but are not limited to, pour in place or rubber tile surfacing for playgrounds, water parks or fitness areas, walkways, running tracks, or playing fields.</p> http://www.tsbc.ca/grant.php	\$30,000 matching funds
Toronto Dominion Bank	Friends of the Environment	Environmental preservation, youth environmental education, and cooperation amongst environmental groups. https://fef.td.com/funding/	\$2,500
Toyota-Evergreen Learning Grounds	School Ground Greening Grant	Helps schools and daycares create outdoor classrooms http://www.evergreen.ca/get-involved/funding-opportunities/school-ground-grants/	\$3500 or \$2000

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Vancity	Various	Community Partnership Program, enviroFund™ Program, Social Enterprise Grants. https://www.vancity.com/AboutVancity/InvestingInCommunities/Grants	Varies
Vancouver Foundation	Various	Province-wide, arts, culture, environment, social & health: http://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/grants	Varies
Victoria Foundation	The Victoria Fund and the Environment Fund	Primarily funds projects within the CRD, arts, culture, environment, social & health; also scholarships and adoption related activities province-wide. https://victoriafoundation.bc.ca/grants-funding/grants/	Varies